

Weekly Status & Information Report: May 23 - 27, 2011

1. Restoration of Ethan Allen Avenue: Street resurfacing work is scheduled to start on Ethan Allen Avenue - between Jackson and Prince George's Avenue on Tuesday, May 31. The work hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The project will take 7 work days to complete. Traffic will be detoured during the work hours. Rain may extend the project.

* Traffic heading east bound on Ethan Allen Avenue will be detoured at Woodland Avenue to Elm Avenue and back to Ethan Allen. Westbound traffic will be detoured at Elm Avenue to Lincoln Avenue and Jackson Avenue back to Ethan Allen Avenue. The work will be performed by a subcontractor to Washington Gas, Eastern Paving. They will be replacing the concrete sub base on the street, which will require metal plates to cover it for at least a day. They will also be milling and paving the street from curb to curb. The detour route will be marked with detour signs. Notices will be delivered to the affected streets [(Ethan Allen Avenue, Woodland Avenue (from Ethan Allen to Elm), Elm Avenue (from Woodland to Ethan Allen and from Ethan Allen to Lincoln), Lincoln Avenue from Elm to Boyd), Boyd Avenue (from Lincoln to Jackson) and Jackson Avenue from Lincoln to Ethan Allen)]. (*Public Works*)

2. City Government Offices Closed: The City of Takoma Park will be closed on Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday. The Community Center and Takoma Park Recreation Center will be closed from Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30. The Library will be open on Saturday. Public Works will not conduct yard waste collection services on Monday, but will resume the following Monday, June 6. (*Office of the City Manager*)

3. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of May 30, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Tuesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Nuclear Free Takoma Park Committee meeting, Tuesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. (*City Clerk*)

4. Elections Testing on June 9: The Takoma Park Board of Elections would like to invite senior citizens to participate in a test of two aspects of the voting system to be used for the November 2011 City of Takoma Park election. Elements to be tested are the absentee ballot design and an electronic interface for blind voters (that may be used by anyone). The session will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, in the Community Center Lilac Room. You may drop in any time during the two hours. After you have tried the systems, join us for refreshments and let us know what you think. Is the system easy to use? What do you think could be improved? We want to hear from YOU so we can make our system even better. For information, contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org. (*City Clerk*)

5. Resident Volunteers Needed for Council-Appointed Committees: There are a number of openings on City boards, commissions, and committees for civic-minded residents. Opportunities include: the Arts and Humanities Commission, Board of Elections, Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs, Council Compensation Committee, Emergency Preparedness

Committee, Facade Advisory Board, Nuclear-Free Takoma Park Committee, Personnel Appeal Board, Recreation Committee and the Redistricting Task Force, Please contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org for additional information and an application. *(City Clerk)*

6. Save the Date for Ward 2 Night - June 20: Residents of Ward 2 are invited to join the City Council for a reception from 7 - 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Atrium Lobby on Monday, June 20. After the reception, there will be a Ward 2 comment period at the beginning of the City Council meeting, from 7:30 - 8 p.m. Contact Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, at 301-891-7267 or jessiec@takomagov.org for information. *(City Clerk)*

7. Takoma-Piney Branch Park Renovation: Renovation of the park between Piney Branch Elementary School and Takoma Park Middle School is well underway. The play area immediately behind Piney Branch Elementary School will be closed to the public during the summer so that improvements can be made in that area before school begins in the fall. *(Deputy City Manager)*

8. Flower Avenue: The Chesapeake Bay Trust has awarded the City of Takoma Park \$20,000 towards the cost of consultant design services for the "green street" plans for the renovation of Flower Avenue. Thanks to Friend of Sligo Creek for supporting the grant application! *(Deputy City Manager)*

9. Lesbians and the Men Who Love Them: "We are Takoma" presents staged reading of an original play by Cristina Garcia on Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. The play focuses on Maria Alvarez, the first person in her family to go to college. Marias world is perfect. She has everything a lesbian activist could wish for until she meets Joe. Sparks fly and their romance begins. Maria, however, must keep the romance underground. How can a leading feminist activist like Maria tell her friends and the feminist community that she is in love with the enemy, a man? Maria finds that there are no easy answers. Everywhere she turns, someone wants to define how she is supposed to live her life. This is the story of how Maria came in. FREE EVENT.
<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=116388651779548>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. Financial Management Classes: Do you want to better manage your finances? Here is an opportunity for you to join us for two sessions on June 8, "*Changing The Way You Think About \$*" and June 22, "*Thinking Like An Investor.*" The classes are free and will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue from 7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. Tenant Rights Class - June 15: Be in control by knowing your rights under the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant Law. This class will focus on such issues as security deposits, how to file a formal complaint regarding work that needs to be done in your rental unit, when is it legal for a landlord to enter your apartment, and any other question that you may have about your rights as a tenant. The class will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center, from 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Pre-register by calling 301-891-7215. *(Housing and Community Development)*

12. Deadline Extended - Exhibitions Coordinator: The Arts and Humanities Commission has extended the deadline for the 2011-2012 Exhibits Coordinator. Applications are available online at www.takomagov.org and will be accepted until July 1, 2011. for more information, please contact Sara Daines at 301.891.7224 or SaraD@takomagov.org (*Housing and Community Development*)

13. Safe Routes to School Successful Workshops (Citywide): Safe Routes to School organized and staffed two public workshops this week and ran one workshop in school. *Shred the Streets* for skateboarders and their parents on skateboarding safety was a runaway success with over 120 kids participating (big thanks to the parents, Sgt. Poole, and instructor John McLaren). The event had additional support from Chipotle and Vans Off The Wall. The Train the Trainer prepares parents and teachers to run all future Bike Rodeos which will greatly expand access to the program throughout the school system. On Wednesday, the City took the Crosswalk simulation kit to classrooms giving students an opportunity to model and practice good street crossing behavior with a variety of traffic controls. (*Housing and Community Development*)

14. Public Hearing on the Sector Plan (Ward 6): The public hearing on the Takoma Langley Crossroads Sector Plan was well attended with County Councilmembers and Staff complimenting the City and those it for the succinct and pointed comments which they say will greatly assist the review. Testimony and links to video will be put online next week. (*Housing and Community Development*)

15. Bike to Work (Citywide): The annual event Bike to Work Day was held last Friday. While it was a great success regionally, breaking the goal by over 1,000 riders, with 3,000 riders over the prior year, the City had a great number of participants - at least 136 signed up for the event. Way to go in reducing the City's carbon footprint! (*Housing and Community Development*)

16. T-Ball Coaches Meeting/Clinic Will Take Place Next Week: When a league has 120 youth participating, and many of them are new to sports, it is vital to have good coaching. With that in mind, the Takoma Park Recreation Department is holding its annual T-ball Coaches Clinic on Wednesday, June 1st at 7:00 p.m., at the Takoma Park Community Center. Lew McAllister and special guest Coach G will go over important information relate to coaching T-ball . Open to parents and coaches of T-ball program. (*Recreation*)

17. Youth Summer Basketball League: Calling all middle school youth in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8, and high school students grades 9, 10, and 11 (you must be entering that grade in fall 2011). Have you heard of the Y.E.S. League? If not, please contact the Takoma Park Recreation Department to find out how you can have fun playing basketball with your friends this summer. www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation or (301) 891-7290. (*Recreation*)

18. Seniors Visit a Grand Estate: On Tuesday, May 24, seniors traveled by Recreation bus to Hillwood Estate and Gardens, the grand estate of Post Cereal heiress, Marjorie Merriweather Post, in Washington, D.C. They explored the art and antiques filled mansion, formal gardens,

and Museum Shop. The rose gardens were in full bloom and beautiful. *(Recreation)*

19. Kids Night Out Has Another Great Night!!: On Friday, May 20th there were 43 kids at Takoma Park Recreation Center participating in Kids Night Out. Led by enthusiastic staff member Patty Chappell, the kids played board games, kickball and dodgeball and were treated with pizza and soda. Please join us for the next Kids Night on Friday, June 3. *(Recreation)*

20. Cardio Kickboxing Demonstration: On Thursday, May 19th there were 7 participants who had the opportunity to increase their stamina, flexibility and strength while listening to their favorite dance mixes. The free demonstration for Kickboxing is a lead in to the class which starts on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:45 p.m. *(Recreation)*

21. Teen Fitness Program is Going Well!: On Fridays at 5:00 p.m., Takoma Park Recreation Center implements a Teen Fitness program that offers them the opportunity to improve their strength and athletic skills. Teens are excited to test skills with fitness instructor Cedric Brickey. *(Recreation)*

22. Library Hours: The Library will be open its regular hours this Saturday, May 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Computer Center will be closed on Saturday. *(Library)*

23. Library Book Sale: The clouds parted, and there was perfect weather for the Friends of the Library Book Sale on May 21st. The event grossed a record \$3100, some of which went to pay helpers who transported books to and from the Historic Takoma facility and the Library. Thanks to the following Library friends and staff who made the sale a success: Beth Baker, Pat MacMann, Judy Trieble, Suzanne Morgan, Lucretia Ortiz, Nehemiah Malloy, Mary Rein, Anne-Marie Stroud, Walter and Rachel Mulbry, Maurice Belanger, Sam McCollin, Katherine Dixon Peugh, Nick Behe, Denko Fontem, Jake and Gene Miller, Saul Prensky, Rebekah Zanditon, Karen Boyer, Kay Daniels Cohen, Patti Ghezzi, Sylvie Shafer, Michele Morgan, Dave Burbank, Janet Jendrzeczyk, Karen MacPherson, Troy Fingal, and Booksale Coordinator and spiritual advisor Merrill Leffler. *(Library)*

24. Join the Poets: Join us at the Library next Tuesday night, June 2, for Conversations: a Family Poetry Program featuring local poets Elizabeth Rees and Rosanne Singer. Best for ages 5 and up. Registration required. Register at www.takomapark.info/library/registration.html or by calling the Library during open hours. *(Library)*

25. Officers in Meetings:

- On Monday, May 23, Capt. Coursey met with representatives from the other three major municipalities in Montgomery County to discuss issues involving debris management and damage assessment activities during major emergencies. The meeting also provided an opportunity to work with Jessica Hurst from the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security to begin planning a tabletop exercise for August to test the ability of the municipalities to work with the County in emergencies with an emphasis on these two difficult areas. Ms. Hurst is working under contract to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to provide planning and exercise assistance to Maryland suburban DC municipalities.
- On Wednesday, May 25 Lt. Rick Bowers and other City staff met with organizers of the

Jazzfest event to do some planning and troubleshooting in the last stages of preparation for this event.

- On Friday, May 27, Capt. Coursey met with the Emergency Preparedness Committee for its regular monthly meeting. Plans for a discussion between the committee and Council were covered, along with improving the committee's outreach to the community for emergency preparedness. Strategies for recruiting more participation in the committee, particularly from wards 4, 5 and 6 were discussed. Also on Friday, Capt. Coursey and Lt. Collington attended the graduation for the Montgomery County Police Leadership in Police Organizations course attended by Cpl. Cyndy Conrad who is currently supervising the Communications Section of the Department. Chief Ricucci has supported numerous members of the Command Staff and supervisory ranks in attending the program to date, and Capt. Coursey is an adjunct instructor as well. *(Police)*

26. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (May 20-26, 2011) may be viewed online at:

http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/05/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_27.html. *(Police)*

27. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 211 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic, eight vehicle impounds and nine arrests from traffic.

During May 17-26, 2011, the following details were completed:

May 17, 2011

- 1100 block of University Blvd. (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation for a seatbelt violation and nine other State citations.
- New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued one State citation.
- Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

May 19, 2011

- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a two and a half-hour detail and issued seven State citations for seatbelt violations and 11 other State citations.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued two State citations for seatbelt violations and nine other State citations.

May 20, 2011

- Philadelphia Avenue & Holly Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and

issued one State citation for a seatbelt violation and two other State citations.

- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued four State citations.
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations for seatbelt violations and two other State citations.

May 21, 2011

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) conducted a detail at various times and issued two warnings.
- University Boulevard & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued five State citations.
- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued four State citations.

May 22, 2011

- Wildwood Drive & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- University Boulevard & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued three State citations.
- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) conducted a detail at various times and issued six State citations.
- Various locations in the City (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citations for a seatbelt violation and one other State citation.
- Philadelphia Avenue & Holly Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.

May 23, 2011

- 7500 Maple Avenue (wrong way/one way street) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation for a seatbelt violation and one other State citation.
- Philadelphia Avenue & Baltimore Avenue (failure to stay right of center) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued seven warnings.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a three-hour detail and issued eight State citations for seatbelt violations and seven other State citations.
- Prince Georges Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Prince Georges Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 7600 block of Maple Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

May 24, 2011

- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citations and three warnings.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (various violations) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued 13 State citations for seatbelt violations and one other State citation.

May 25, 2011

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Prince Georges Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Prince Georges Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- 7600 block of New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Carroll Avenue & Park Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Kirklynn Avenue & New Hampshire Avenue (seatbelt enforcement) - conducted a four-hour detail and issued 13 State citations for seatbelt violations and 11 other State citations.

May 26, 2011

- Prince Georges Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Flower Avenue & Piney Branch Road (miscellaneous traffic violations) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued two State citations for seatbelt violations and two other State citations.

(Police)

28. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

Week ending 5/26/11

Hours worked: 45

Calls for service: 9

State Citations issued: 125

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 4

Warnings: 1

City tickets: 2

Reports: 7

Court: 5 hours

(Police)